



City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: January 24, 2006

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager 

FROM:  Deborah Woldruff, AICP, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROJECT – The project is a comprehensive update to the City's General Plan document (text and maps) that will set policy and guide the City's development over the next twenty years. Areas directly affected by the update project include all properties located within the City's corporate limits, and properties within the City's Sphere of Influence in the County unincorporated areas generally east and south of the City limits to the Redlands City limits and Riverside County Line.

RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation is for the City Council to continue the General Plan Update Project to the February 14, 2006 agenda.

BACKGROUND

On January 10, 2006, the City Council requested that staff contact the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to request that a representative of each agency attend the Council meeting on January 24, 2006. To date, staff has not received a reply from Ms. Cathy E. Creswell of HCD; however, staff will continue their efforts to contact her or her staff. Mr. Joseph Carreras of SCAG replied on January 13, 2006 in a voice mail that his department has no budget to send staff members to meetings relating to Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) or housing issues. As with HCD, staff will continue their efforts to make direct contact with Mr. Carreras or his staff about the City's housing issues.

The revisions to the Draft General Plan and related documents are nearly complete. The only major issue that remains unresolved is for the City Council to identify a preferred South Hills Designation. The choices are as follows:

1. South Hills Designation (Draft General Plan, October 2005)
2. Alternative 1 (Initiative – prepared by Save Loma Linda)

3. Alternative 2 (Proposal for the South Hills Designation – prepare by Jonathan Zirkle, Glenn Elssmann, and John Snell)
4. Alternative 3 (Revised South Hills Designation, December 6, 2005)

The January 24, 2006 City Council Agenda includes a presentation of the Initiative by Save Loma Linda. A better understanding of the provisions in the proposed Initiative and its effects should provide the City Council with the final piece of information to assist them with this important decision.